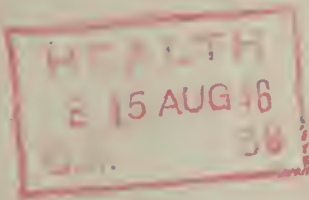


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MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1945

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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	113,025
Registrar General's estimate of population	16,170
Number of inhabited houses	5,571
Rateable Value	£82,259
Sum represented by a penny rate	

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Rate for District</u>	<u>Rate for England & Wales</u>
Birth Rate	19.3.	16.1.
Death Rate	13.4.	11.4.
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	32	46

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb)

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

L. Hesford - Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, Meat Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

W. P. Elliott - Additional Sanitary Inspector

Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.

A. L. Sleath - Assistant Sanitary Inspector

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	409
Sputa for T.B.	52
Swabs for Diphtheria	34
Sewage and water analyses	16
Blood for Wassermann Test	10
Urine (general and bacteriological)	10
Urine for T.B.	6
Films for gonococci	4
Milk for Phosphatase Test	1
Miscellaneous	1

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

Number of samples taken for analysis:-

(a)	from wells	36
(b)	from pipe supply... ..	-

Results of samples taken:-

from wells	Satisfactory	10
	Unsatisfactory	26

Number of wells:-

(a)	closed	1
(b)	cleansed	1

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water 1

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply.. 20

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:- ...

(a)	from public mains... ..	11
(b)	from private reservoirs.	4

The quality of some of the existing supplies from wells is doubtful and sampling of some of the public wells has been carried out.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1945	539
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	Nil
Number of cesspools constructed during the year	Nil

2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1945:-


(1)	Privies	806
(2)	Pail Closets	3249
(3)	Water Closets	1278

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

Weekly collections of household refuse are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in all villages, the refuse being taken to tips and covered up. Weekly collections of nightsoil are carried out by the Council's Scavengers in 90% of the villages, the nightsoil being taken to arable land and ploughed in.

(iii) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Council's Scavengers once every fortnight, and special collections are made on application. Salvage material consists of tins, bones, rags, glass, iron, brass, aluminium, paper and cardboard of all kinds. Also string, rubber and waste pig food.



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(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report:-

total number of complaints received	226
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	571

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Animal keeping	2	2
Bakehouses	11	11
Dairies and cowsheds	465	83
Drainage works	117	124
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	750	221
Food premises	15	6
Rats and mice destruction	56	38
Refuse collection and disposal	641	107
Shops	16	12
Schools	3	9
Slaughter houses & Meat inspection	34	10
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	14	6
Verminous premises and scabies	45	14
Water supplies	123	38
Workshops, etc.	34	15
Other inspections	51	38
	<hr/> 2,400 <hr/>	<hr/> 734 <hr/>

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	33	24
Issued during the year	93	36
Complied with during year	117	41
Statutory action necessary	5	2
Outstanding 31st. December	5	19
<u>Statutory</u>		
Outstanding 1st. January	1	-
Issued during the year	5	2
Complied with during year	5	2
Outstanding 31st. December	1	-

(v) SHOPS

Action taken during the year under the Provision of the Shops Act, 1934:-

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Defects Found</u>	<u>Defects remedied</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Sanitary				
Conveniences	-	4	1	-
Temperature	-	-	1	-
Ventilation	-	-	1	-

(vi) REGULATED BUILDINGS

Common Lodging Houses - There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc. - There are two Vans in the District and 20 inspections were made. General conditions are satisfactory.

(vii) SCHOOLS

The sanitary conditions at several of the Schools were unsatisfactory and the attention of the School Authorities has been called to remedy the defects. The water supply is mostly from pumps. Eight Schools are piped from the Council's mains.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers</u>
Number on the Register	828	286
Number of inspections of premises	324	141
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	48	16
Number of contraventions found during the year	101	34
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	79	29
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December ...	70	21

Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during Year</u>	<u>Remedied during Year</u>	<u>Outstanding 31st. Dec.</u>
Cleansing	8	64	51	21
Structural alterations	53	22	16	59
Utensils	1	35	31	5
Other	2	14	10	6

273 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination 263 being satisfactory and 10 unsatisfactory.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938

Two supplementary licences have been issued in respect of pasteurised milk.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Private Slaughter Houses:-

Number of knacker yards in the district	2
Number of visits to knacker yards...	10

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.:-

Number of inspections	24
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PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) ARE KEPT OR
PREPARED FOR SALE.

Number of inspections	15
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H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	425
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	453
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	369
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	369
(3)		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..	35
(4)		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	60

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	52
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HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a)	(i)	Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year	123
	(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein.. ...	212
	(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein... ..	808
(b)		Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	85
(c)		Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	7
(d)		Number of persons concerned in such cases.. ...	24

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year, 1945:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	25	18	-
Whooping Cough	66	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-
Measles	302	5	-
Pneumonia	16	-	5
Dysentery	33	1	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis	2	2	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1 - 3	5 - 10	15 - 25	and Over			
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	11	6	4	1	-
Whooping Cough	10	18	17	19	1	1	-	-
Measles	7	43	53	154	32	3	7	-
Ac. Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

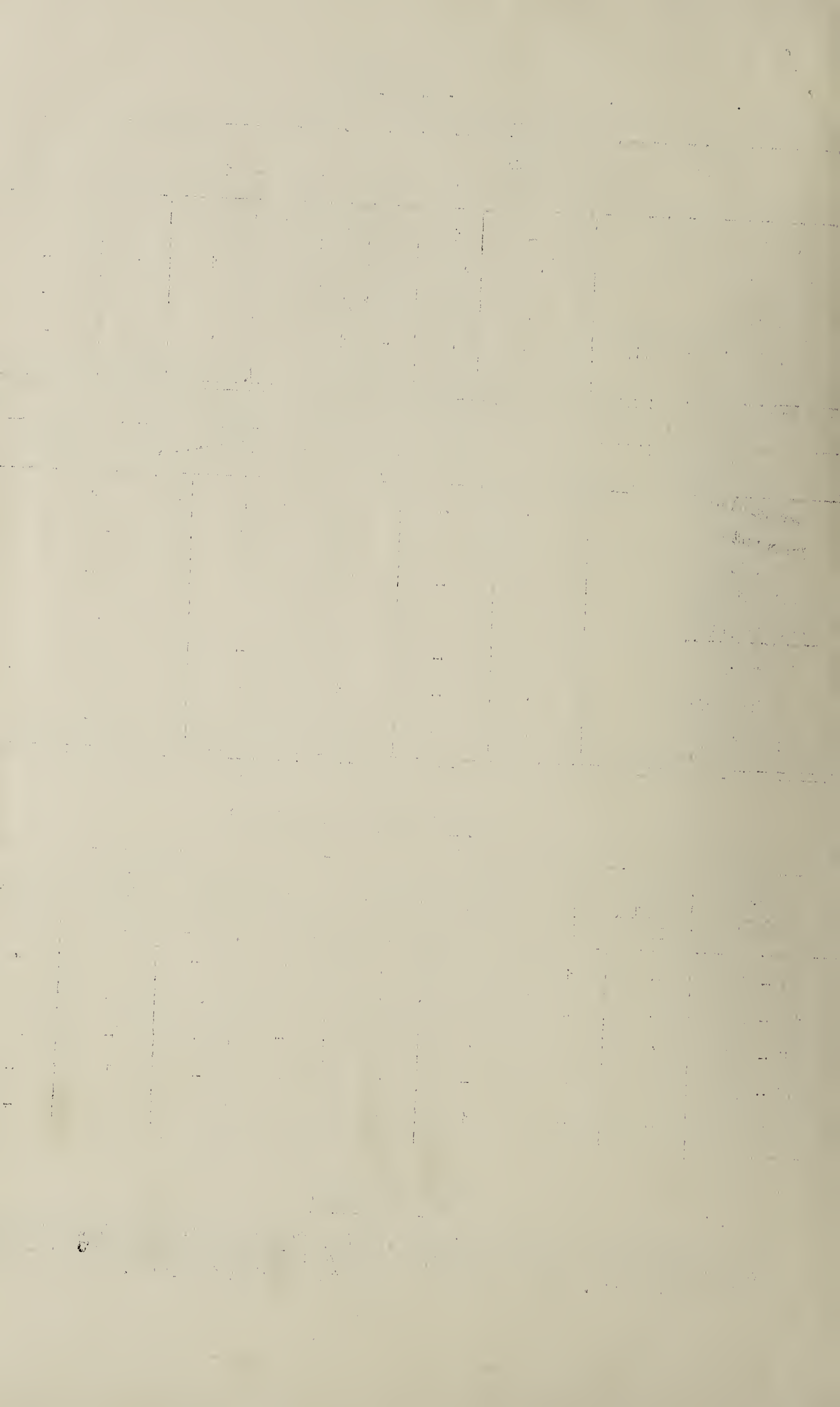
Disease	0	-	5	-	15	-	45	-	65 and over
Erysipelas	-		-		1		1		1
Pneumonia	3		4		3		3		3
Dysentery	2		-		19		10		-
<u>Non-Civilian</u>									
Measles	-		-		3		-		-
Diphtheria	-		-		1		-		-
Dysentery	-		-		2		-		-

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE GROUPS	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
5 - 15	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Over 45	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

SCABIES

A Centre was opened in May, 1942, for the out-patient treatment of Scabies cases from the Melton & Belvoir Rural and the Melton-Mowbray Urban Districts. 126 cases were treated during the year.



MELTON & BELVOIR RURAL DISTRICT

Existing Water Supplies

The Parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Broughton & Dalby, Clawson and Harby, Stathern, Waltham (Thorpe Arnold Ward), Eaton, (Eastwell Ward), Somerby part, Burton & Dalby (Burton Ward), Sproxton (Sproxton and Saltby Wards) are supplied from the Council's mains.

Stand pipes are not provided, the services being laid on to the Consumer's premises.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbo-solvency.

The Parishes of Belvoir, Buckminster (Buckminster Ward) Grimston (Saxelbye Ward), Knossington (Cold Overton Ward) are supplied by private piped supplies of limited quantity.

The rest of the District is supplied from public and private wells. The majority of the wells are 'shallow wells' of doubtful quality, and in many cases insufficient in quantity during dry periods. Shortages have been experienced, particularly in the Parishes of Wymondham, Hoby, Grimston and Saxelbye, and it was necessary to restrict supplies from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the Summer and Autumn months on the Joint Water Supply Scheme.

